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# Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal

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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 3.

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- a. ☐ Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.
- i. ☐ Consider the amendments/arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_.
- ii. ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_.
- b. ☒ **Enclosed:**
- i. ☐ Amendment/Reply- \_\_\_\_ pages.
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s).
- iii. ☒ **Information Disclosure Statement (IDS).**
- vi. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_.

## 2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of Action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Notification of Extension of Time (for \_\_\_\_ months).
- c. ☒ Baker Botts LLP return postcard.
- d. ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_.

## 3. Fees

- The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.
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- i. ☒ **RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e).**
- ii. ☐ Extension of Time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17).
- iii. ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_.
- b. ☒ Check(s) in the amount(s) of **\$790.00** enclosed.
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